

MA TRANSPORTATION AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE

Issues and Proposed Solutions

Minutes from Meeting, May 5, 2003

Issue	Proposal	Pros	Cons	Comments
1. Workload –	Propose to eliminate prior authorization for transportation services			
2. Workload	Verify mileage through claims system		a. Reimbursement delayed when claim is not submitted timely. This will increase calls and workload	
3. Workload and adequacy of admin fee for counties.	Centralize the system – transportation broker option. So, authorization, verification and reimbursement is provided centrally.		a. Transportation for MA takes the burden off volunteer vans which are then freed up to serve other people/demands for rides. If taken from county, this control is taken away too. b. Concern that providers will no longer work cooperatively with the county	Concern raised about family care counties. It is a risk-based system and transportation is part of the benefit package –providers at risk if they don't ensure it is provided. Also, need to be careful about what the authorization process might look like.
4. Workload	SSI Recipients – budget proposal for HMO providers – include transportation in services	a. This would be a significant workload savings for local agencies.		
5. Inconsistent Policy and Workload –	Statewide guidance on who is eligible for transportation services			
6. Inconsistent Policy –	Adopt a uniform policy on meal reimbursement			

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7. Inconsistent Policy	Statewide guidelines needed to clarify who, what where why when how.			May be beneficial to some counties but others may want more flexibility; Concern about what rules allow us to do. Need to be sensitive to concern about smaller counties and the need for some to travel further and/or more often than residents of larger areas in order to get quality health care.
8. Adequacy of Reimbursement fee for counties				

Other items/comments:

1. We should consider bringing in MA providers – what guidelines do they need and how do they view any of the options?
2. The number of providers did not seem to be a major issue. Bigger transportation issues centered on getting to work, or getting discharged from the hospital on a Sunday.
3. A separate issue has arisen. Do the local agencies feel they need guidelines on a deadline to submit mileage records? One county has a client that has recently submitted bills that are 2-3 years old. We would like to allow flexibility, but it might be good to have a specific timeframe.
4. We should e-mail the IM agency directors to announce the ad hoc committee to ensure we have adequate representation and to communicate that we want input as well as representation from local agencies.

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Committee Members Present

Joanne Simpson- Co-chair, DHFS
Eileen McRae, DHFS
Barb Spaude, Outagamie
Deb Rathemmel, Fond du Lac
Sara Shakelton for Liz Green, Dane

Bob Macaux – Co-chair, Florence County
Bernadette Connolly, DHFS
Sue Torum, Jefferson County
Tammy Pinno, Fond du Lac
Joyce Decker, Winnebago